

Carol Lee Harris Is Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant

Carol Lee Harris of LAPE Station hospital, Torrance, recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps, has been ordered to active duty and will report to Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, for basic training, it was announced at the headquarters of Major General William E. Shedd, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, at Fort Douglas, Utah, today.

Following four weeks of basic training, Lt. Harris will be assigned to Bushnell General hospital, Brigham City, Utah.

Cpl. Don Meyer Appears on Two Radio Programs

Corporal Don E. Meyer, one of the five men to escape a sinking Japanese prison ship last year and make for American lines in China after a long trip in an open life-boat, will be on the air tomorrow night on the program "Furlough Fun," at 9 p.m., on KFI, according to his mother, Mrs. L. Meyer.

The young hero who recently reported back for duty after a 90-day furlough during which he recovered from his two and one-half years in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp, also appeared Wednesday night at 5:30 o'clock on KNX.



ENGINEERING OFFICER . . . Lt. W. A. Grant of Lomita, is serving in the U. S. Navy as an engineering officer aboard one of the Navy's little escort carriers now smashing at the Japs in the Pacific. His ship, less than a year old, is making an impressive record in battle. (Official U. S. Navy photograph.)

13TH PINT
Supervisor Raymond V. Darby was to give his 13th pint of blood to the Red Cross at the Inglewood Blood Bank Wednesday.

PFC. INGRAM EXPECTED
Pfc. Burman Ingram is expected to arrive soon from his base at Fort Knox, Ky., for an 18-day furlough with his wife, the former Betty Follis.

Area War Chest Appeals For Housing For Harbor District Communities

The desperate housing shortage in Los Angeles county area which is hindering production in many war plants and causing serious health and welfare problems was the basis of a request for 26,977 war housing units made early this week by the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles to President Roosevelt, the Congress, Director of War Mobilization and to officials of the National Housing Authority in Washington, on the West Coast and in Los Angeles County.

Torrance, with its war industry district of some 50 plants, is technically a part of the "harbor district" in the eyes of the government but has been bypassed by government housing, the units going to other communities.

In view of the coming of the new \$5,000,000 United States Navy Material Redistribution Center for Torrance, which will employ several hundred civil service workers, and in view of the shortage of help in "must" plants, President Reed Parkin and Executive Secretary Harry B. Lewis, of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, have been in direct contact with Representative Cecil King and government agencies in an effort to get at least 500 housing units for the Torrance area.

Private builders also are working to this end.

Torrance is represented in the Area War Chest Welfare Council.

Conditions in the Harbor area are particularly acute, it was pointed out in the letter of transmittal, and the welfare council asks that half of the 26,977 units sought be located there. One thousand units of the dormitory type similar to Wilmington Hall are needed for single men, and 500 like units for single women are needed for the Wilmington district. All units in the harbor area should be of temporary war construction, the request said, and at least 50 per cent of units for other areas also should be of this type.

The welfare council based its request on the work of the housing committee, of which John Henry Russell is chairman, and testimony of need expressed by war industries, housing authorities and others who have studied the housing problem. It asked that construction of 1000 units for which funds were appropriated by Congress in August, 1944, be started immediately, and that an additional 26,977 units be authorized.

Declaring that serious and growing social effects are in evidence as the result of inadequate and bad housing, the report said, in part:

"Tens of thousands of workers are compelled to live at un-

reasonable distances from work, and to spend unreasonable hours in daily travel. Crowding and congestion have led to a growing series of social and health problems, and the most neglected group is in the in-migrant Negro war worker. Difficulties of discharged servicemen in finding suitable housing is a growing and serious problem."

Although not embodied in the call for housing help, welfare council officials declare the situation could become chaotic at the conclusion of the major phase of European war when additional troops en route to the Pacific will come to this area, in many cases accompanied by the soldiers' families.

Cpl. Jones Is Member of Famed 98th Group Band

Musicians of the 98th Army Ground Forces Band, veterans of almost two years of combat in Sicily, Italy and France, recently joined the Headquarters of General Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army Group, Cpl. Richard L. Jones, 2438 Arlington ave., is a member of the band.

The band, directed by Warrent Officer Thomas H. Greer of Rochester, Texas, plays for ceremonies, reviews and entertainment and church programs at Army Group headquarters installations.

Formerly part of the 40th Engineer Regiment, these bandmen landed in both Sicily and Southern France on D-Day. They followed assault troops ashore in Sicily, carrying their instruments with them. Performing beachhead duties of hauling rations, standing guard, and burying American dead, four bandmen were wounded by a mine explosion.

The 30-piece band was organized as part of the 45th Infantry Division, an Oklahoma National Guard unit. It joined the combat engineer regiment before sailing for overseas duty June 8, 1943.

D. G. Hennessy At Infantry Camp in Texas

Pvt. Douglas George Hennessy, 28, husband of Margaret Stack Hennessy, of 1662 W. 204th st., Torrance, has arrived at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wolters, Texas, to begin his basic training as an infantryman. He has been assigned to a battalion stressing rifle.



(Torrance Herald photo.) **FURLOUGH ENDS** . . . Cpl. Jack King, a gunner on a B-24, stationed at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, spent six days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King, here last week. His guests were his bombardier, Lt. C. M. Stand, and Mrs. Stand.

Montano With Engineering Unit in Germany

Construction of the two longest Army-built railroad bridges in France, clearance of a 1½-mile blown-up tunnel, rebuilding miles of demolished railway tracks—these are typical of the large-scale engineering feats of the 344th Engineer Regiment in keeping pace with U. S. Seventh Army troops in General Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army Group. Pfc. Albert Montano of 1021 Cravens ave. is a member of the regiment.

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Don Townsend Soon to Be Out Of Hospital

Pfc. Don Townsend with the 14th Corps now in the Philippines writes his mother, Mrs. Billie Townsend, that he will soon be out of the hospital and expects to be "very busy" again.

Townsend was formerly a member of the State Guard and worked at Dow Aircraft.

Overseas 19 months, he has been in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Rendova, Munda, Vella Via and Bougainville and participated in the invasion of New Britain and the Philippines.

Service men's stationery? Call Torrance 444, or 443.

Araiza Is With Armored Unit on German Front

One of the first combat operations of the 842nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, supporting U. S. Seventh Army troops in Gen. Jacob L. Devers' Sixth Army Group, was a daring, day-light raid on the German command post town of Schaffhausen, Germany. Pfc. Jose G. Araiza, 220 Arlington ave., is a member of the battalion.

With the mission, "Take prisoners; inflict heavy casualties and damage," tanks drove into Schaffhausen carrying infantrymen and the 842nd's observers with them. The battalion's 105-mm. self-propelled howitzers, located further behind, fired on targets the observers picked. The raid was completed in one hour and the American force left with 13 prisoners.

"Although our main mission is the support of fast-moving armored columns, the greater part of our two months combat has been spent in direct support of infantry troops," said Lt. Col. Richard D. Smith of Wilton, Conn., battalion commander. "We reinforce the fire power of a division's organic artillery, firing from fixed positions. We have knocked out almost every type of weapon on the enemy's table of equipment with the 15,000 shells we've fired to date."

John E. Mock Arrives Overseas; Is An Armorer

Corporal John E. Mock of 1323 West 218th st., Torrance, is a new arrival in the European Theater of Operations and has been assigned as an armorer in the oldest medium bomber group in the AAF—the group which supplied 79 of the 80 men who took part in the famous first Tokyo attack, and which is now serving with the First TAC AF in France.

His B-26 group has participated in the Tunisian and Italian campaigns and took part in joint air ground operations at Anzio and southern France prior to the August 15th invasion by Allied Forces. The group has received the Distinguished Unit Citation and has been awarded the Croix De Guerre with Palm by General De Gaulle, Chief of the French Armies, and President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic.

JOHN ROGERS DUE HERE
John N. Rogers, fireman 1/c, arrived Tuesday at San Francisco for a leave from Pacific duty. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rogers, of 1605 Beech ave. His wife Edyth and their baby, Donny, are also Torrance residents.

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